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IN THE APPLICATION OF : Ulrich BUNGERT et al.  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed November 8, 2002. The one month shortened statutory period to respond to this notice expires December 8, 2002. If there are any fees necessitated by this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0902 of ARTER & HADDEN, LLP, referencing the Docket No. (74953/15381).